

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

We Claim:

1. (Currently amended) A personal cleansing composition comprising, based upon the total weight of the composition:

- a) from about 1 percent to about 8 percent of an anionic surfactant; and
- b) from about 0.1 percent to about 3 percent of a hydrophobically modified, crosslinked, anionic acrylic copolymer; derived from at least one unsaturated carboxylic acid monomer; at least one hydrophobic monomer; a hydrophobic chain transfer agent comprising alkyl mercaptans, thioesters, amino acid-mercaptopan-containing compounds or peptide fragments, or combinations thereof; a cross-linking agent; and, optionally, a steric stabilizer; wherein the amount of said unsaturated carboxylic acid monomer is from about 60% to about 98% by weight based upon the total weight of said unsaturated monomers and said hydrophobic monomer,

wherein the weight ratio of component a) to component b) is about 1:1 to about 205:1, and wherein the composition is mild to the skin and/or eyes and comprises less than about 0.5 percent of non-ionic surfactants.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of alkyl sulfates, alkyl ether sulfates, sulfosuccinates, isethionates, acyl amides, alkyl ether carboxylates, alkyl phosphates, and mixtures thereof.

4. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactant is comprised of alkyl ether sulfates and/or alkyl ether carboxylates.

5-8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising, based upon the total weight of the composition, from about 1 percent to about 30 percent of an amphoteric surfactant, wherein the composition is substantially free of ocular sting.

10. (Original) The composition of claim 9, wherein the weight ratio of the anionic surfactant: amphoteric surfactant is from about 1:0.8 to about 1:4.

11. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 810, wherein the amphoteric surfactant is selected from the group consisting of alkylimino-dipropionate, alkylamphoglycinates (mono or di), alkylamphopropionates (mono or di), alkylamphoacetates (mono or di), N-alkyl β -aminopropionic acids, alkylpolyamino carboxylates, phosphorylated imidazolines, alkyl betaines, alkylamido betaines, alkyl sultaines, alkylamido sultaines, and mixtures thereof.

12. (Currently amended) A personal cleansing composition comprising, based upon the total weight of the composition:

- a) from about 42 percent to about 87 percent of an anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of alkyl ether sulfates, alkyl ether carboxylates, and mixtures thereof; and
- b) from about 0.1 percent to about 3.0 percent of a hydrophobically modified, crosslinked, anionic acrylic copolymer that is derived from at least one unsaturated carboxylic acid monomer; at least one hydrophobic monomer; a hydrophobic chain transfer agent comprising alkyl mercaptans, thioesters, amino acid-mercaptopan-containing compounds or peptide fragments, or combinations thereof; a cross-linking agent; and, optionally, a steric stabilizer; wherein the amount of said unsaturated

carboxylic acid monomer is from about 60% to about 98% by weight based upon the total weight of said unsaturated monomers and said hydrophobic monomer,

wherein the weight ratio of component a) to component b) is about 1:1 to about 205:1, and wherein the composition is mild to the skin and comprises less than about 0.5 percent of non-ionic surfactants.

13-16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The composition of claim 12 further comprising, based upon the total weight of the composition, from about 1 percent to about 30 percent of an amphoteric surfactant, wherein the composition is substantially free of ocular sting.

18. (Original) The composition of claim 17, wherein the weight ratio of the anionic surfactant: amphoteric surfactant is from about 1:0.8 to about 1:4.